meeting held on 27th November, 1997 decided to entrust duties and responsibilities of the Director of the organization to a Deputy Director till the appointment of a new Director. The matter with regard to the appointment of new Director is in process and the person found suitable will be appointed Director, as per the Rules, in due course.

Role of Education in the growth of economy 1485. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what role does education play in the growth of economy in India and other countries, giving the comparative figures? THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): The contribution of education to economic growth is well recognised all over the world. Education is found to be one of the most important factors of economic growth. Several empirical studies conducted to estimate the contribution of education to economic growth have reported that the contribution, i.e., the extent of rate of economic growth explained by education, ranges between 5 per cent in Latin America and 25 per cent in Canada, (the residual is explained by other factors).

In India, recently it was estimated that one year of additional schooling of the workforce would raise output by as much as 23 per cent.

Some estimates referring to a cross-section of countries are given in the statement (See below).

**Statement**

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN THE GROWTH OF ECONOMY

Contribution of Education to Economic Growth
(per cent Growth Rate explained by Education)

| Country | Per cent |
|---|---|
| India | 27.00 |
| Canada | 25.00 |
| Ghana | 23.3 |
| Argentina | 16.5 |
| Nigeria | 16.0 |
| USA | 15.0 |
| Belgium | 14.0 |
| Kenya' | 12.4 |
| Regions (1950-I960s) | |
| Africa | 17.2 |
| Asia | 11.1 |
| North America & Europe | 8.6 |
| Latin America | 5.1 |

SOURCE:— Human Development in South Asia 1998.

All this is in addition to the significant contribution of education to health, fertility, population growth, and other aspects of social demographic and political development.

**केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कमिश्नर का रिक्त पद**

1486. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कमिश्नर का पद लम्बे समय से रिक्त पड़ा हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कमिश्नर के पद पर शीघ्र नियुक्ति करने/पद भरने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार हैं?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी) :** (क) से (ग) आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन का पद पदधारी अधिकारी का कार्यकाल पूर्ण हो जाने के कारण 16 मई, 1998 से रिक्त हो गया था और शिक्षा विभाग के एक संयुक्त सचिव इस पद का अतिरिक्त कार्यभार संभाल रखा हैं। प्रवरण समिति ने इस पद के लिए नियुक्ति संबंधी अपनी सिफारिशों को अंतिम रूप दे दिया है। मंत्रिमंडल की नियुक्ति संबंधी समिति के अनुमोदनार्थ नियुक्ति की सिफारिश पर कार्यवाही की गई है।